

Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council (AGMEC)  
Wednesday, December 22, 2008  
12:00 pm  
Room 3101, Child Health Institute  
New Brunswick, NJ

**Voting Members Present:**

Thomas Bojko, MD, MS, Chairperson  
Emmanuel Ashong, MD, Public Member (via telephone)  
Deborah Briggs, authorized representative of Richard Goldstein, MD, NJ Council of Teaching Hospitals (via telephone)  
Robert Johnson, MD, Interim Dean, NJMS (via telephone)  
Ronald Lockman, Public Member (via telephone)  
Fred Jacobs, authorized representative of Betsy Ryan, President & CEO, New Jersey Hospital Association (via telephone)  
Susan Volpicella-Levy, DO, President of the NJ Assoc. of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (via telephone)  
John W. Sensakovic, PhD, authorized representative of Brian Shulman, PhD, Seton Hall Univ. School of Graduate Medical Education (via telephone)  
Rick Scott, MD, Immediate Past President of the Medical Society of NJ (via telephone)

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Cynthia Kirchner, NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services (via telephone)  
Sindy Paul, MD, President, of the State Board of Medical Examiners (via telephone)

**Voting Members Absent/Excused:**

Brian Little, MD, PhD, Past President, Association of Hospital Directors of Medical

**Staff Members Present:**

John Franzini, Esq. Deputy Attorney General  
Marguerite Beardsley, Commission on Higher Education  
Murphy Samson, UMDNJ

**Guests:**

Anthony F. LaBue, representing St. George's University School of Medicine

Dr. Bojko, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. He announced that the meeting was called in accordance with the regulations of the State of New Jersey with regard to public meetings. Introductions were made around the table and of those joining via telephone. There was a quorum of voting members present, either in-person or via teleconferencing.

The minutes of the December 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed. The following corrections will be made: The minutes indicated that a motion to approve the SGUSOM request to increase the number of internal medicine clerkships at Trinitas Hospital from 6 to 12 was seconded by Dr. Ryan (correct title is Ms. Ryan); Sindy Paul, MD, President, of

the State Board of Medical Examiners is listed as Voting Members Absent/Excused (Dr. Paul is a non-voting member). Pending these corrections, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Bojko summarized the previous meeting, indicating the two action items. First, the council approved the SGUSOM request to increase the number of internal medicine clerkships at Trinitas Hospital from 6 to 12. Second, the council approved an AGMEC subcommittee site visit at Trinitas prior to making a determination on approval of a clerkship program in Psychiatry for SGUSOM students at Trinitas that would replace the previously authorized program in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Ashong reported on the December 17 AGMEC site visit to Trinitas. In addition to Dr. Ashong, the AGMEC site visit team included John Franzini, Deputy Attorney General, Stanley Schiff, DO, Kyla Scarponi, DO and Carol Socha, UMDNJ, Office of Academic Affairs. Anthony F. LaBue, Esq., represented St. George's University School of Medicine. The Trinitas attendees included Ernest Federici, MD, Director of Medical Education; Anwar Ghali, MD, Chair of Psychiatry; Purabi Bharatiya, MD, Program Director of Psychiatry; Chris Jagar, MD, Supervisor of Students and Melissa Mann, Residency Coordinator. The AGMEC team was charged with verifying census of patients on site, verifying the ratio of students to residents, confirming the number of UMDNJ students and ensuring that the library meets the needs of the clerkship program and provides all appropriate publications relating to Psychiatry. Dr. Ashong described the program (minutes of the visit accompany these minutes). With regard to a question about the average daily census, Dr. Ashong responded that this information had been submitted in an earlier document and the site visit team was not charged with obtaining this information. Dr. Paul asked the following questions: Is the psychiatry residency program fully accredited, how many residents are there, how many for inpatient and outpatient, and will there be enough residents for appropriate student/resident ratio. According to Dr. Ashong, the program is fully accredited. There are 7 residents, 3 of whom the team met with. Trinitas complies with the regulations with regard to student/resident ratios. The team reviewed the CV's of Drs. Jagar and Bharatiya and visited the library, which they found to be adequate. Dr. Ashong stated that Dr. Schiff and Dr. Scarponi agreed with his assessment that they received a positive response and both Trinitas staff and residents are enthusiastic about receiving the students from SGUSOM. Dr. Johnson asked whether the number of students approved could be less than the requested number.

The committee unanimously passed a resolution to move to a closed session to obtain legal advice from counsel concerning the SGUSOM application. The resolution provided that the minutes of the closed session would be available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Following the closed session, Dr. Johnson reiterated his concern regarding the quality of the students' clinical education and his suggestion that the number of students be reduced. Dr. Sensakovic made a motion that the request to authorize a clerkship program in Psychiatry for SGUSOM students at Trinitas that would replace the previously authorized program in Obstetrics and Gynecology be approved with a follow-up report on the student/resident ratio and patient census in 12 months. Dr. Volpicella-Levy seconded the motion. Dr. Ashong, Ms. Briggs, Mr. Lockman, Mr. Jacobs and Dr. Scott voted in favor. Dr. Johnson opposed the motion. Dr. Bojko abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.